

Five Bajans were honored, some of them in their absence for their work at home and abroad. Rupert "Ruppee" Clarke, the well-known entertainer was presented with the "Pride of Barbados Award" and Jonathan Ethelbert Graham, who has devoted "a lifetime of service to cricket in Barbados" was given a special recognition award. Community citations were presented to the Rev. Dr. Hamilton Taitt, a prominent pastor in the Wesleyan Holiness Church in Florida; Martin Ervin Greenidge, a "role model" in the California community where he lives and works; and the Rev. Canon Dr. Llewellyn Armstrong, Rector of Calvary/St. Cyprian's Church in Brooklyn.

"We all left New York with a feeling of satisfaction," said Ed Bushell, Consul-General in Miami who chaired many of the sessions during the convention. "We all are looking forward to Barbados next year."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2007

Mrs. CAPPS. Madam Speaker, I was not able to be present for the following rollcall votes on September 10, 2007, and would like the record to reflect that I would have voted as follows: rollcall No. 865: "yea," rollcall No. 866: "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. THOMAS M. REYNOLDS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2007

Mr. REYNOLDS. Madam Speaker, while I was unavoidably absent during the final passage of the Conference Report to H.R. 2669, had I been present, I would have voted in support of the Conference Report. The College Cost Reduction Act will add nearly \$11.5 billion for Pell Grants, which will directly help 5.5 million low-income students attend college. While I had serious concerns about much of the runaway spending included in the legislation, I supported this legislation because it is important that higher education become more accessible and affordable for working families. The Conference Report included measures to achieve this goal. I have long supported and was pleased to see substantial funding increases in particular for Pell Grants and TRIO/Upward Bound. As a parent and a grandparent, I understand the need to ensure students are afforded every opportunity to attend college.

HONORING KYLE JOSEPH CODAY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kyle Joseph Coday, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of

America, Troop 214, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kyle has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Kyle's Eagle Scout project involved the construction of a pergola in the outdoor classroom of St. James Catholic Church and School. Over the many years Kyle has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kyle Joseph Coday for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TULLAHOMA AMERICANS CAPTURE STATE TITLE

HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2007

Mr. LINCOLN DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the "Tullahoma Americans," a little league baseball team of 11- and 12-year-olds from Coffee County, Tennessee, that captured the State title this month. Tullahoma American has had remarkable success in the past but has not held this title for many years. For all their hard work and dedication, these young little-leaguers have achieved an incredible feat in reclaiming the championship for Tullahoma, and I could not be prouder of them.

My sincere congratulations go out to the players: Josh Brandon, Justin Brandon, Justin Brown, Trey Burks, Alex Butaud, Reed Gabriel, Marquel Hickerson, Zach Lampkin, Ryan Lawson, Brad Roepke, Sam Tomes, and Caleb Zidan, as well as their coaches, Warner Tomes, Troy Shelton, and Mike Thompson, for a championship well-earned. Head Coach Mike Thompson also deserves congratulations not only for shepherding the boys to a winning season, but for dedicating 9 years of service to the Little League institution.

Little League baseball has a long history in America. As early as the late 19th century, young American children played baseball in groups affiliated with adult club teams, but it was not until the late 1930s that Carl Stotz founded and named the "Little League" we are all familiar with today. Since then, young baseball players have honed their skills as well as their character on baseball diamonds across the country. Little League teaches teamwork, sportsmanship, and the value of hard work.

Our Tullahoma State Champions exemplify all of these qualities, and I am proud today to stand and congratulate the team, their coaches, and families for their extraordinary effort. It is my sincere hope that this tradition will continue for young people across the State for years to come.

TAIWAN

HON. THADDEUS G. MCCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2007

Mr. MCCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge and support Taiwan's ef-

forts to gain membership in the United Nations, U.N. Communist China's persistent and pervasive intimidation has spurred the U.N.'s refusal to grant Taiwan membership and meaningful participation in the international organization; thus, notwithstanding Taiwan's democratic government, market economy, inherent sovereignty, and respect of human rights, Taiwan is the only democracy in the world banned from U.N. membership.

To rectify this abject inequity, on July 19, 2007, Taiwan's democratically-elected President, Chen Shui-bian, appealed to U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon to accept the nation's application for U.N. membership. Instead of forwarding the application to the U.N. Security Council, Mr. Ban unilaterally dismissed Taiwan's application; consequently, Mr. Ban cavalierly violated U.N. Security Council Rule 59. In explaining Mr. Ban's violation, the U.N. Secretary General's office alleged the application was rejected because Taiwan is an integral part of communist China. In making this factually unfounded determination, Mr. Ban subverted the authority of the U.N. Security Council and diminished the little credibility the U.N. retains. Further, as the U.N. Secretary General is acting as a dupe for communist China, the U.N. will rightly and ultimately be viewed as a wholly owned subsidiary of communist China.

If, in addition to its innumerable instances of corruption and incompetence, the U.N. continues such arbitrary and capricious actions in relation to the sovereign democracy of Taiwan, this international organization will one day mirror the League of Nations—of which, if I may point out, no country remains a member.

Madam Speaker, I strongly regret Mr. Ban's unilateral rejection of Taiwan's sovereignty and application to join the U.N. As the United States is the Leader of the Free World we must continue to support Taiwan's efforts to gain membership in the U.N.

RECOGNIZING MR. CLAUDE RUNDLE AND THE CREW OF THE LST-460

HON. TIM MAHONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2007

Mr. MAHONEY of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Claude Rundle of Port Charlotte, FL, and the other exceptional crew members of the LST-460 ship during its service in World War II.

The LST-460 was commissioned on February 15, 1943 and was assigned to the Asiatic-Pacific theatre between 1943 and 1944. The LST-460 and its crew participated in over a half dozen operations including the consolidation of the Southern Solomons and the Mindoro Landing. On December 21, 1944, the LST-460 was lost in action when it was attacked by enemy aircraft while sailing off the coast of the Philippines. The LST-460 and its crew earned six battle stars and the Navy Unit Commendation for World War II service.

For the last 25 years, the survivors of the LST-460 have hosted a reunion to commemorate their service and bravery. Mr. Rundle is one of these survivors and I am honored to be able to recognize him today. Beyond our

shores, Mr. Rundle and the other brave men who served and fought on the LST-460 ensured the ability of our country to lead the world in securing democracy for those less fortunate. As these men gather together to celebrate their brotherhood, it is my hope that they are filled with a great sense of pride and accomplishment as our freedom is possible because of their great sacrifices.

On behalf of Florida's 16th Congressional District, I want to express my deepest gratitude to Mr. Rundle and the other crew members of the LST-460 for their honorable service to our Nation.

RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 11 AS A
DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

SPEECH OF

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2007

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I would like to voice my full support for H. Res. 643, recognizing September 11 as a day of remembrance, extending sympathies to those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, and their families, honoring the heroic actions of our Nation's first responders and Armed Forces, and reaffirming the commitment to defending the people of the United States against any and all future challenges.

Six years after that infamous day, the emotional scars are still laid bare for millions of Americans. While many of our citizens lost families members, friends, and loved ones in the attacks of that day, we all lost the sense of safety and security that we had enjoyed before the greatest terrorist attack ever on American soil.

I am proud of how we came together as a Nation and stood united against those who would do us harm after the reality of what had happened sank in. Indeed, I cannot remember another singular event that caused that type of wholehearted solidarity, not only between all Americans, but between all citizens from around the world who stood with the United States against evil and tyranny after that fateful day.

Mr. Speaker, this is what makes it even that much more heartbreaking today, that we have squandered much of the compassion and goodwill towards our great country with the actions that the Administration instigated following September 11th. Instead of finding Osama Bin Laden and finishing the job against the Taliban in Afghanistan, we foolishly invaded another sovereign nation that had nothing to do with the terrorist attacks, and one that had never threatened our country.

Instead of capitalizing on the goodwill that was genuinely felt by citizens around the globe to help us fight terrorism and mark a new beginning in global cooperation and friendship, the President instead turned compassion and empathy into resentment and antipathy towards the United States by attacking another country without provocation or cause.

Mr. Speaker, it is our job as Representatives of this great country to repeal this failed policy of preemptive war. We must begin the business of uniting this country and winning the hearts and minds of the citizens of the

world. America must regain its place as the leader of the free world, not through brute force and military might, but with the characteristics that put us there in the first place: compassion, generosity, empathy, and humility. In doing this we can ensure that those who died on 9/11 did not do so in vain, and we can ensure that those who sought to topple our great democracy and shake the American spirit have only succeeded in doing the very opposite.

THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF
PROJECT PPEP PROVIDING HELP
FOR RURAL POOR IN THE
SOUTHWEST

HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2007

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I am both pleased and honored to share with my colleagues the work of a distinguished program that began in a converted 1956 school bus named "La Tortuga" or "The Tortoise" which became a portable classroom. This program on wheels was the dream of a young man that saw a need to serve and thereby improve the quality of life of the migrant and the rural poor of Arizona.

Founded in August 24, 1967, through this young man's vision and tenacity, Project Portable Practical Education Preparation (PPEP) began serving the needs of migrant and the rural poor of Arizona to improve the quality of lives through self-help programs which became PPEP's fundamental mission. Today I wish to recognize their 40th anniversary.

An article in The Arizona Daily Star, written in November 1967, had this to say about Project PPEP: "Its goal is summed up in the title, a practical education which is brought almost to the doorstep of unskilled and poverty-stricken people in Southern Arizona. Its method involves the use of constant information; finding what kinds of education the people want and then providing it."

Since October 1967, slowly, laboriously, La Tortuga crawled back and forth along the hot dusty miles from Marana, Arizona to Tumacacori and Patagonia in southern Arizona. The old green bus stopped in poor Mexican-American, Bracero, Native American and Black communities, bringing Project PPEP and its belief in "Si Se Puede" (yes it can be done) to hundreds of low-income populations in rural Pima and Santa Cruz Counties.

After gaining acceptance in the communities along the way, John David Arnold, the founder and CEO of PPEP and La Tortuga's driver, mechanic and teacher, used this circuit model for delivery of social and educational services—a model used some 300 years earlier by Father Eusebio Kino, the great mission builder of the southwest. Today PPEP is supporting the construction of twelve brick and mortar schoolhouses for at-risk students (graduating over 2,400) and La Tortuga's legacy is traveling down the information super highway as PPEP designs two virtual academies: the Arizona Virtual Academy (AZVA) and the Insight Virtual Academy of California (IVAC).

The work of Project PPEP and the leadership of Dr. John David Arnold have been cited as national models eight times in the CON-

GRESSIONAL RECORD, including citations by Congressmen Morris K. Udall, Jim Kolbe, Ed PASTOR, and Senators Dennis DeConcini, MIKE ENZI, JOHN MCCAIN and JON KYL. Dr. Arnold was honored twice at the Clinton White House among numerous other recognitions nationally and internationally. Recently Dr. Arnold was appointed by the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) as their National Education co-chair and International Relations co-chair. Furthermore Dr. Arnold was the Arizona LULAC Man of the Year in 2004 and 2006, and in 2004 was awarded the prestigious Cesar Chavez Award for Community Service and Leadership.

I wish to commend and congratulate Project PPEP CEO Dr. John David Arnold, the Board of Directors, and the 476 staff on their 40th year of providing personal financial training and services which have enabled families to become self-sufficient, including over \$19 million in loans through its micro-credit loan program.

To list all of the good work Project PPEP has accomplished in the last 40 years would be a daunting task. Project PPEP has made it possible for many rural families to achieve the dignity they deserve. For all their good work they are much deserving of Congressional recognition.

FRANK J. GUARINI POST OFFICE
BUILDING

SPEECH OF

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2007

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for H.R. 2467, a bill to designate the United States Postal Service facility located at 69 Montgomery Street in Jersey City, NJ, as the "Frank J. Guarini Post Office Building." I also urge my colleagues to support this bill.

Congressman Guarini was born on August 20, 1924, in Jersey City, NJ. His career in public service began in the United States Navy during World War II, where he served on the USS *Mount McKinley* from 1944 to 1946. After the war, he decided to pursue higher education, earning a B.A. degree from Dartmouth, a J.D. degree from New York University, and a LL.M. from the same institution in 1955.

From 1965 to 1972, he served in the New Jersey Senate and was elected to represent the 14th Congressional District of New Jersey in 1979 and retired in 1993.

He was an active and productive member of the Ways and Means Committee, where I was proud to work closely with him to ensure income security and health care coverage for many Americans. In the spirit of this historic committee, Frank was a colleague who always sought to achieve bipartisanship.

Congressman Guarini is a dear friend with whom I enjoyed working in this great body. I admire him not just because we have very similar backgrounds, but because I share his pride in his Italian-American heritage. He is fully entitled to the honor being bestowed today.